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REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 2, 5-8, 11-16, 19-25, 28, 29, 32-34, and 37 were rejected and claims 3, 4, 9, 10, 17, 18, 26, 27, 30, 31, 35, and 36 were rejected as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By the present Response, claims 2, 7, 11, 14, 15, 22, 24, 28, 29, 33, and 34 have been cancelled without prejudice and claims 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 16, 17, 19, 23, 25, 26, 30, 32, 35, and 37 have been amended. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 3-6, 8-10, 12, 13, 16-21, 23, 25-27, 30-32, and 35-37 will be pending in the present patent application. Allowance of all pending claims is requested respectfully.

Allowable Subject Matter

As noted above, claims 3, 4, 9, 10, 17, 18, 26, 27, 30, 31, 35, and 36 were rejected as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 3, 9, 17, 26, 30, and 35 have been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 3, 9, 17, 26, 30, and 35 are in condition for allowance.

In addition, claims 2, 7, 11, 14, 15, 22, 24, 28, 29, 33, and 34 have been cancelled and claims 5, 6, 8, 12, 16, 19, 23, 25, 30, 32, and 37 have been amended to depend from claims 3, 9, 17, 26, 30, and 35, respectively. All pending claims now depend from claims 3, 9, 17, 26, 30, and 35. Accordingly, all pending claims are believed in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic

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interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to
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